(iii) have had wide experience in financial matters and in administration; or

(iv) have special knowledge of economics."

Composition of Central Board of Excise and Customs and Central Board of Direct Taxes

3598. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of Central Board of Excise and Customs and Central Board of Direct Taxes; and

(b) whether any representation has been given to S.C./S.T. persons on these Boards; if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Each Board has a Chairman and not more than six other Members.

(b) No, Sir. No S.C./S.T. Officer in the field of eligibility was found suitable for appointment to either Board.

Representation to Scheduled Castes in various Boards

3599. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the National Wastelands Development Board, the Central Water Pollution Control Board and the Central Air Pollution Control Board, respectively; and

(b) what are the details of the representation given to the Scheduled Castes in each such Board?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The current composition of the National Wastelands Development Board and the Central Pollution Control Board, are given in Statement I (*See* below) and Statement II (*See* below) respectively. The Central Pollution Control Board exercises the powers and performs the functions envisaged in the Water (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution Act, 1981.

(b) There is no special provision for the representation of Scheduled Castes on each of the above mentioned Boards.

Statement I

Composition of National Wastelands Development Board

1. Union Minister of Environment and Forests	—Chairman
2. Sh. Duleep Matthai	—Vice Chairman
3. Member, Planning Commission	—Member
4. Three members of Parliament	—Members
5. Secretaries to the Government of India in the Departments of Agriculture and Cooperation, Rural Development	—Members
6. Secretary, to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, (Deptt. of Expenditure)	—Member (Finance)
7. Secretary, Department of Agriculture Research and Education and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.	—Member
8. Inspector General of Forests	—Member
9. Representatives of Voluntary Agencies and Cooperative Institutions etc. (not exceeding six) to be nominated by the Chairman	—Members
10. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests	—Member-Secretary

Statement-II

Composition of Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water pollution:—

(a) a full-time Chairman, being a person having special knowledge or practical experience in respect of matters relating to the use and conservation of water resources or the prevention and control of water pollution or a person having knowledge and experience in administering institutions dealing with the matters aforesaid, to be nominated by the Central Government;

(b) five officials to be nominated by the Central Government to represent that Government;

(c) such number of persons, not exceeding five, to be nominated by the Central Government, from amongst the members of the State Boards, of whom not exceeding two shall be from those referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 4;

(d) three non-officials to be nominated by the Central Government, to represetnt the interests of agriculture, fishery or industry or trade or any other interest which, in the opinion of the Central Government, ought to be represented;

(e) two persons to represent the companies or corporations owned, controlled or managed by the Central Government, to be nominated by that Government;

"(f) a full-time member-secretary, possessing qualifications, knowledge and experience of scientific, engineering or management aspects of pollution control, to be appointed by the Central Government".

Central Board for the prevention and control of Air Pollution:

The Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution constituted under Section 3 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. (6 of 1974) shall, without prejudice to the exercise and performance of its powers and functions under that Act, exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution under this Act.

NOTE:—The name of the organisation may be read as Central Pollution Control Board in place of Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution.

Use of oxygen pouches to eliminate the effects of air pollution

3600. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of use of oxygen pouches in Japan to eliminate the effects of air pollution;

(b) whether it is fact that the Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi Administration, has moved the idea of using these pouches in the Capital by manufacturing them in collaboration with Japan as reported in the Times of India of the 20th February, 1989; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether pouches will be distributed to the public free of cost?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi Administration has suggested use of such oxygen pouches as protection against the air pollution in Delhi. The Delhi Administration will decide on this issue after getting details from Japan.

Bills pending for President's assent

3601. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bills passed by the State Assemblies have been pending with the Central Government for the President's assent;